UNICEF Assistance to Urban Poor

1851. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed any scheme to provide amenities to urban poor with UNICEF assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of benefits received by the State Governments from these schemes; and

(d) the progress made in physical achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No such review has been undertaken by the Government. However, the UNICEF is supporting the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Urban Basic Services for the poor in 15 focus States and 9 non-focus states as annexed, by financing some selected areas vital to the quality and sustainability of the scheme viz. training capacity building, management capacity building, information|communication, urban poverty studies and policy research, non-government organisations and demonstration town concept for implementation in intensive programme districts.

(c) and (d) UNICEF assistance has contributed towards operationalisation of Field Training Institutes and State training institutes in focus States. Two National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi and the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Hyderabad have been strengthened to provide operational support to the States. Nearly 40,000 Community Volunteers have been identified to familiarise them with the Programme, its objectives and implementation responsibilities. A variety of communication materials have been produced in Hindi including a bi-monthly newsletter.

Statement

LIST OF FOCUS STATES|NON FOCUS STATES

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Delhi
5. Gujarat
6. Haryana
7. Karnataka
8. Kerala
9. Madhya Pradesh
10. Maharashtra
11. Orissa
12. Rajasthan
13. Tamil Nadu
14. Uttar Pradesh
15. West Bengal

NON-FOCUS STATES

1. Punjab
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Nagaland
4. Meghalaya
5. Tripura
6. Mizoram
7. Manipur
8. Sikkim
9. Arunachal Pradesh

Targets set in National Capital Region Scheme

1852. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not taken any concrete steps in achieving the targets set in the National Capital Region scheme;

(b) whether any apprehension has been expressed on the achievement of